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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-272-D)

In re Application for Reissue of:

U.S. Patent No. 6,336,748

Inventor: Johnson et al.

Serial No.: TBD

For: Shaft Locking Device for Bearing Assemblies

Art Unit: TBD

Examiner: TBD

**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120
FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRIOR-FILED APPLICATIONS**

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants respectfully petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of prior-filed applications in the above-referenced reissue patent application.

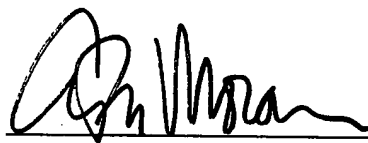
Applicants' representative by his signature below attests to the fact that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional, and that this Petition is made without undue delay. Enclosed with this petition are: (1) a reference in the form of a copy of the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the above-referenced reissue application, claiming priority to the prior filed application, is attached hereto as Attachment A; and (2) a petition fee as set forth in section 1.17(t), \$1,330.00.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion of this matter would be useful, he is invited to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please make the changes specified herein to the copy of the printed patent.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at column 1, line 4 with the following:

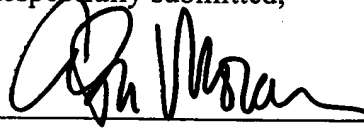
This is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/235,691, filed Jan. 22, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,200,039, which is a divisional application of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/798,284, filed on Feb. 7, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,863,137.

REMARKS

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Preliminary Amendment or Reissue Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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